

TIPULA NUBECULOSA MEIGEN, 1804 (INSECTA, DIPTERA):
PROPOSED SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS
AS A MISIDENTIFIED SPECIFIC NAME. Z.N.(S.) 895

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The aim of the present application is to avoid the confusion that has arisen by transference of the specific name *nubeculosa* Meigen, 1804, from one species to another.

2. In 1758, Linnaeus (*Syst. Nat.* (ed.10)1 : 585) established the nominal species *Tipula hortorum*, a fragmented type specimen of which is still in the Linnaean collection in London. With very few exceptions the name remained unused until 1953. This species is here called species A.

3. Meigen (1804, *Klass. Beschr. Zweifl. Ins.*: 70) described a *Tipula nubeculosa* characterized primarily by its predominantly yellow antennae (Species B.)

4. Schummel (1833, *Beitr. Entom.* 3 : 45–51) distinguished between “*nubeculosa* Meigen (*hortorum* Fab.)” with only three yellow basal segments and the following ones dark (i.e. species A), and “*Tipula rubripes*” n.sp. with yellow antennae (definitely species B). Almost all subsequent authors have followed Schummel in his nomenclature.

5. Haliday (1851, *Stettin. Ent. Ztg.* 12 : 133–134) stated that the type of *T. hortorum* Linnaeus in the Linnaean Collection in London belonged to *nubeculosa* Schummel (non Meigen).

6. Riedel (1913, *Abh. Lehrerv. Nkde. Crefeld*: 39) observed the error made by Schummel concerning *nubeculosa*. Nothing at all happened, however, until Mannheims (1933, in Lindner, *Die Flieg. palaearkt. Reg.*, Lief. 173, 15, Tipulidae: 123) made an attempt to correct the mistake by strict observation of the Rules, introducing *hortorum* Linnaeus for species A and transferring *nubeculosa* Meigen from species A to species B, the latter being hitherto known under the unambiguous name *rubripes* Schummel.

7. Dutch and Swedish authors have followed Mannheims in transferring the name *nubeculosa* from species A to species B, whereas Danish, English and Russian authors have retained the name *rubripes* for species B. English and Russian authors have retained *nubeculosa* for species A, whereas Danish, Dutch and Swedish authors have followed Mannheims in changing *nubeculosa* to *hortorum* for species A.

8. To remedy the disturbance that has arisen out of this unfortunate transfer we hereby ask the Commission:

- (1) to use its plenary powers to suppress the specific name *nubeculosa* Meigen, 1804, as published in the binomen *Tipula nubeculosa*, for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy;
- (2) to place the following specific names on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *hortorum* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Tipula hortorum*;

- (b) *rubripes* Schummel, 1833, as published in the binomen *Tipula rubripes*
- (3) to place the specific names *nubeculosa* Meigen, 1804, as published in the binomen *Tipula nubeculosa* (suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.